

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for preparing synthetic latex compound, the said process ~~includes~~ including the steps of:
 - a) adding a polyvalent metal chemical or a mixture thereof to a surfactant stabilised synthetic carboxylated latex, or blend with other synthetic latex to form a synthetic latex compound;
 - b) stirring the synthetic latex compound;
 - c) diluting the synthetic latex compound obtained in step (b) to a predetermined total solid content (TSC); and
 - d) maintaining the synthetic latex compound obtained in step (c) at a temperature between 0° to 80° C.
2. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyvalent methal chemical ~~may be~~ is selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide, zinc carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium oxide, magnesium carbonate, hydroxides of calcium, magnesium, aluminum or aluminates ~~or~~ and any combinations thereof.
3. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the synthetic carboxylated latex is selected from the group consisting of ~~may be~~ zinc oxide, zinc carbonate, calcium

carbonate, magnesium oxide, magnesium carbonate, hydroxides of calcium, magnesium, aluminum or aluminates ~~or~~ and any combinations thereof.

4. (original) The process obtained in claim 1, wherein the synthetic carboxylated latex compound is synthetic carboxylated nitrile latex.
5. (original) A synthetic latex compound obtained from a process which includes:
 - a) adding a polyvalent metal chemical or a mixture thereof to a surfactant stabilised synthetic carboxylated latex, or blend with other synthetic carboxylated or non-carboxylated latex or latices to form a synthetic latex compound;
 - b) stirring the synthetic latex compound;
 - c) diluting the synthetic latex compound obtained in step (b) to a predetermined total solid content (TSC); and
 - d) maintaining the synthetic latex compound obtained in step (c) at a temperature between 0° to 80° C.
6. (currently amended) The synthetic latex compound as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polyvalent metal chemical ~~may be~~ is selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide, zinc carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium, aluminum, or aluminates ~~or~~ and any combinations thereof.

7. (original) The synthetic latex compound as claimed in claim 5, wherein the synthetic latex compound is nitrile latex.
8. (currently amended) A non-staining rubber article ~~such as a non-staining glove, condom, finger cot or balloon~~ made from a composition containing an effective amount of synthetic carboxylated butadiene co-polymer latex and an effective amount of polyvalent metal chemical or mixture thereof as the sole cross-linking agent.
9. (currently amended) A non-staining rubber article ~~such as a non-staining glove, condom, finger cot or balloon~~ made from a composition containing an effective amount of synthetic polymer latex or latices, an effective amount of synthetic carboxylated butadiene co-polymer latex and an effective amount of polyvalent metal chemical as the sole cross-linking agent.
10. (currently amended) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the rubber article is free from any sulphur and/or sulphur containing chemicals.
11. (currently amended) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the synthetic carboxylated butadiene co-polymer latex is carboxylated acrylonitrile butadiene latex.

12. (currently amended) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the polyvalent metal chemical ~~are~~ is selected from ~~any or a combination~~ the group consisting of oxides of zinc, magnesium, calcium, or aluminium, and combinations thereof.
13. (original) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claim 12, wherein carbonates of zinc, magnesium, calcium or aluminum are combined with the oxides.
14. (currently amended) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claims 8 ~~and 9~~, wherein the polyvalent metal chemical has a zinc oxide level is equal to or greater than 0.6 phr.
15. (currently amended) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claims 8 ~~and 9~~, wherein the rubber article is free from rubber accelerators.
16. The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claims 8 ~~and 9~~, wherein the rubber article is free from Type I and Type IV latex allergens.
17. (currently amended) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the rubber article does not stain when in contact with the skin or other surfaces, which are contaminated with copper, silver, iron or lead or chemicals of these metals.

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18. (new) A non-staining rubber article as set forth in claim 8, wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of a non-staining glove, condom, finger cot or balloon.
19. (new) A non-staining rubber article as set forth in claim 9, wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of a non-staining glove, condom, finger cot or balloon.
20. (new) The non-staining rubber article as claimed in claim 9, wherein the rubber article is free from any sulphur and/or sulphur containing chemicals.